

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In Re:

Case No. 815-70120-ast

CENTEREACH DEVELOPMENT CORP. (Chapter 7)

Debtor

CRAIG GIARDINI AND TRACEY  
GIARDINI d/b/a CRAIGS CAR CARE  
CENTER,

Plaintiff

Adversary Proceeding No.  
815-8013-ast

-against-

THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF  
CENTEREACH DEVELOPMENT CORP.,  
GULF OIL LIMITED PARTNERSHIP and  
CUMBERLAND FARMS, INC.,

Defendants

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**ANSWER TO COUNTERCLAIMS**

Craig Giardini and Tracey Giardini d/b/a Craigs Car Care Center (“Giardini”) answer the counterclaims of Robert L. Pryor, Esq., the Chapter 7 Trustee of the Estate of Centereach Development Corp., as follows:

**First Counterclaim**

1. Paragraph No. 26 does not require a response. If a response is required, Giardini denies said allegation.

2. Giardini admits the first part of the allegations set forth in Paragraph No. 27. The actual order speaks for itself and Giardini disagrees with the “spin” that the Trustee is attempting to put on the terms and provisions of the Order.

3. Giardini denies the allegations made in Paragraph Nos. 28 and 29 of the Counterclaims.

**Second Counterclaim**

4. Paragraph No. 30 of the counterclaim does not require a response. If a response is required, said allegations are denied.

5. Giardini denies the allegations made in Paragraph No. 31 of the counterclaim.

6. Giardini admits the allegations made in Paragraph Nos. 32 and 33 of the counterclaim, but denies that Giardini willfully violated any part of the terms and provisions of the order.

7. Giardini denies the allegations made in Paragraph Nos. 34 and 35 of the counterclaim.

**First Affirmative Defense**

8. The counterclaims fail to state a cause of action for which relief can be granted.

**Second Affirmative Defense**

9. The Trustee has not demonstrated that any moneys are due and owing, and if so owing, the amount of moneys due and owing.

**Third Affirmative Defense**

10. The Debtor should still be holding moneys representing the Giardini security deposit pertaining to the initial lease agreement. If any moneys are due and owing to the Trustee, the Trustee must net out said moneys from the security deposit and refund the balance of the moneys representing the security deposit to Giardini, with an accounting of said moneys.

**Fourth Affirmative Defense**

11. The Trustee failed to provide proper notice of the sale of the master lease to the undersigned counsel, as the attorney for Giardini, notwithstanding the pendency of this adversary proceeding. Said lack of notice caused Giardini to fail to file a timely partial objection to the sale motion (Giardini had upon information and belief, believed that the notice was duly sent to the undersigned counsel), thereby possibly impairing the continued validity and vitality of the original lease agreement, the essence of this adversary proceeding.

12. The Trustee should be not be granted any relief for the damage that it may have caused Giardini.

WHEREFORE, Giardini respectfully requests this Honorable Court to deny the Trustee's counterclaims, and if granted, to require the Trustee to take out the moneys purportedly due and owing from the security deposit and to return the balance of the security deposit to Giardini, and for such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: Hauppauge, New York  
June 29, 2015

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Defendants

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**Affirmation of Service**

Jeffrey Herzberg, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the courts of the State of New York, after being duly sworn on oath, and under the penalty of perjury, affirms that on June 29, 2015, he mailed a copy of the Answer to Counterclaims, by first class mail, under the jurisdiction of the United States Postal System, postage prepaid, to:

Anthony F. Giuliano, Esq.  
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Dated: Hauppauge, New York  
June 29, 2015

/s/ Jeffrey Herzberg  
Jeffrey Herzberg